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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Ulrich Shiestl et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/738, 326  
FILED: December 17, 2003  
FOR: Combustion-Engined Setting Tool with Volumetric  
Metering of Gaseous Fuel  
EXAMINER: Hyder Ali Group: 3747

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004 (a request for one-month extension of time being enclosed), in which the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claims 2-9 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 2-9 is noted and appreciated. However, it is respectfully submitted that rewriting Claims 2-9 in independent form is not necessary as they depend on a claim believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: